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MILL STREET

No hearing without a 'proper petition'

Council wants HAP project opponents to collect signatures in traditional fashion

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Residents opposing the proposed affordable housing complex on Mill Street are back at square one after the City Council voided their 500-signature online petition.

At their meeting Monday, Council President James Cichetti said the town would need more time to evaluate the petition's proposal that HAP Housing — the Springfield nonprofit agency which owns the 12.5 acres at 586 Mill St. — be offered land at the town-owned Tuckahoe Turf Farm

in exchange for not building a project on Mill Street.

Cichetti suggested the mandatory hearing on the petition could be delayed until Oct. 17, while Councilor Richard Theroux suggested that Nov. 9 may be a better day.

Ultimately, Councilor Chris-

topher Johnson's argument won out and the petition was removed from the agenda completely, as councilors asked residents to submit a petition that follows the rules of section 8.1 of the Town Charter.

Johnson said the council doesn't have to recognize a peti-

tion that lacks actual signatures with home addresses. The Mill Street petition was organized online at Change.org, and many of the signers were from out of town. Johnson further argued that the property trade may not be a proper question.

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EASTERN STATES EXPOSITION

Lots to consider

Some Big E parking benefits students, police, businesses, homeowners

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Big E traffic means big business for residents parking cars on their property during the 17-day fair. For every car that parks on the town-owned lot behind Town Hall and the Roberta Doering School, it means a big benefit for students and police, too.

On the weekend, cops and kids work together to park cars just a short walk from the bridge to West Springfield — and the fairground. Out front, students serve as flaggers, waving orange flags to attract the attention of drivers on Main Street. Out back, Agawam Auxiliary Police officers direct drivers to parking spaces.

Capt. Mark Duclos, who heads the 27-member part-time force, said nearly 70 percent of the money raised from the \$10 parking fee

collected by officers this year will be donated to seven high school groups. Kids from the groups — boys and girls cross country, soccer and wrestling teams, as well as the marching band, chorus and Rosie Robotics — volunteer for several shifts during the Big E's three weekends.

The remaining 30 percent will go to the auxiliary force.

"We buy equipment like radios for our officers with our portion, which saves the town money. We also relieve traffic congestion in and around the fair by offering a safe parking location," said Duclos.

Big E parking at the school and Town Hall was born out of necessity nearly 30 years ago.

"Traffic backed up into Connecticut, so we were ordered to open the school and Town Hall parking lots that were blocked

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Agawam High School marching band members Natalie Andrews, left, and Kayla Laurie wave orange flags in front of the Doering School to promote the Big E parking to benefit the schools and Auxiliary Police. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MIKE LYDICK

FORMER YMCA

Family Center hopes fall brings members, funding

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Three months after reinventing itself as a standalone community center, the former Agawam YMCA has lost almost half its household memberships and has yet to turn a profit, its CEO said last week.

"I can't tell you things are great, because they aren't great," said Joseph Mineo, who also serves as chairman of the West of the River Family Center's Board of Directors. "I wish we were in a better position. We're just making it."

The Family Center continues to rely on help from the Valley Opportunity Council, a Holyoke-based nonprofit that provided startup funding and technical assistance in June, when the Agawam Y's staff and advisory board took over operations from the Greater Springfield YMCA, which had planned to close the branch.



Erika Brothers speaks at the West of the River Family Center fundraiser last Tuesday. Standing to the side are Executive Director Andrew Melendez, center, and member Frank Bond. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

At the time, Springfield Y officials said the Agawam "express" branch at 63 Springfield St. — a fitness and program center with-

out the swimming pool, full-sized gym and indoor running track found at most YMCAs — had

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HALLOWEEN

Screams, but no screens

Film director takes break from flicks to open Halloween village

By Michael J. Ballway
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Mark Del Negro's next horror production isn't coming to a screen near you.

This time, Agawam's fright manager is coming to get you in person. Walk in Gate 1 of the Eastern States Exposition any afternoon or weekend day and you'll see him in a wooden shack advertising the New England Scare Fest.

Del Negro, the Agawam High School graduate who has directed two feature-length horror movies in the past two years, will open the region's newest Halloween-themed attraction Oct. 13, almost two weeks after the Big E closes, at Storrowton Village on the exposition grounds in West Spring-

field. As a local resident, he's well aware of the several Halloween attractions in the area, including Fright Fest at Six Flags New England. He thinks there's room for one more, though.

"Halloween is the second most commercialized holiday," he said. With thrill-seekers going to haunted houses throughout October, he said, "whoever goes to others is [also] going to go to ours."

He said the Halloween industry — haunted houses, costumes, decorations — is \$13 billion a year in the United States, second in spending only to Christmas. He thinks that number will only go up in the coming years.

Del Negro said he's wanted to run a Halloween park for a few

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Send in the cones



The Conewich is back! Club Secretary Dick Lanier holds up the Agawam Lions' latest fair food offering at the Big E — a bread cone filled with shepherd's pie, from a club member's family recipe. Also new this year is a Jamaican jerk chicken cone; the popular mac-and-cheese conewich and barbecue chicken conewich from last year are back, too. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Lions barbecue volunteers, from left, Paula Bernier of Feeding Hills, Sandy Haskins of Springfield and Ella Cimma of Agawam serve up the traditional barbecue chicken meal on Tuesday night at the Lions Club food stand at the Big E. Volunteers, including Boy Scouts and National Honors Society youth from Agawam, help make it the Agawam Lions' largest fundraiser of the year.

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Painting event to benefit AHS chorus

All are invited to a Paint Sip fundraiser from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Casa di Lisa, 801 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. Proceeds from the event will benefit the Agawam Chorus Booster Club.

Tickets are \$35 per person and all supplies will be provided. No experience is necessary. Food and drink will be available for purchase.

To make a reservation, call 413-889-1880, visit www.PaintSipFun.com or email info@paintsipfun.com.

Pickleball courts to open in town

Mayor Richard Cohen will introduce the opening of the new pickleball courts at Borgatti Field Tuesday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m.

Pickleball is a racket sport that combines elements of badminton, tennis and table tennis. Two, three or four players use solid paddles made of wood or composite materials to hit a wiffle ball over a net. The sport shares features of other racket sports, the dimensions and layout of a badminton court, and a net and rules similar to tennis, with a few modifications. Pickleball was invented in the mid-1960s as a children's backyard pastime but has become popular among adults as well.

Borgatti Field is at 257 River Road, Agawam.

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Talk on town's cemeteries next month

The Gravestone Girls will present a virtual tour of Agawam's seven local cemeteries, called "Welcome to the Graveyard," at the Agawam Public Library at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 3. The 90-minute presentation is built on photographs recently taken in the burying places around Agawam, and charts the evolution of cemeteries and gravestones from the colonial era into the 21st century.

This is a popular program that has been given around the New England area by the Gravestone Girls for over 15 years. The group regularly works with libraries, historical societies and genealogical groups, among others, to teach about "the art, symbolism and history of these living history museums located on everyone's main streets and backyards" according to Brenda Sullivan, one in the group of three cemetery enthusiasts. She further added, "Almost everyone is interested in these peaceful and beautiful spaces, but may be hesitant to say so to others. Our presentation lets you know you're not the only one."

For more information, visit www.gravestonergirls.com. This event is sponsored by in part by a grant from the Agawam Cultural Council, a local agency supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, and by the Agawam Center Library Association. It is presented by the Agawam Public Library and the Agawam Historical Society, www.agawamhistoricalassoc.webs.com.

To register for this event, call 413-789-1550, ext. 4, or visit www.agawamlibrary.org.

Book folding workshop open to adults

Adults are invited to join artist Cathy Thibodeau to learn the basics of book folding at 6:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 17, in the Agawam Public Library.

Participants can choose from one of three intricate designs — paw print, heart or flower — and up-cycle an old book into a beautiful work of art. All materials are included, but adults can bring their own book to use if it is at least 140 pages long and 21 centimeters (8 1/4 inches) high.

This event is sponsored by the Agawam Center Library Association. Space is limited. To register, call 413-789-1550 or visit www.agawamlibrary.org. The library is at 750 Cooper St., Agawam.

Quilters, crafters win Big E awards

WEST SPRINGFIELD — Five Agawam residents and one from Feeding Hills have won awards in the creative arts competitions at the Big E.

Lynne Kerber of Agawam was one of five quilters to win a Fairfield Processing Award for creative fabric design elements. Mary-Ann Rouillard of Feeding Hills won the Quilts & Treasures Award for creative use of fabric design. Rosemarie Maniscalco of Agawam won the Northampton Wools Award for incorporating different pattern stitches in knitting. Loris M. Epps of Agawam won the Webs/Valley Fiber Award for incorporating recycled matter in hand-weaving. Susan Hayes of Agawam won the Northeast Basketmakers Guild Award for her natural-materials basket. Cheryl Croteau of Agawam won the Textile Tarts Doll Club Award for innovative use of materials.

Other entries from Agawam and Feeding Hills included crochet by Darcy Calise, Susan Ghedi, Fattat Haddad, Leila Haddad, Lois Smus, Elizabeth Van Dyke; a felted garment by Susan Hayes; a hand-woven scarf by Sylvia R. Deliso; knitting by Marilyn Falcone, Susan Johnson, Marilyn Lacerte, Virginia McCray, Melissa D. Nooney, Lois Smus and Cindy Weber; needlework by Pamela Desilets, Fattat Haddad and Tina L. Wetmore; photography by John Bourbonnais, Madeline Catania, Edmond Flebotte, Gil Fortunato, Charles Ghedi, Dayne L. Gottier, Jamison Gottier, Alison Johnson, Nicole Johnson, Vincent Johnson, Diane Kasperzak, Anne Ledger, Veronica Moquin, Jason Plamondon, Hava B Preye, Matthew D. Preye, Kristine Sills, Phyllis A. St. John, Renee Vollrath,

Kathy Wheeler, Barbara Wojciechowski and Lily Wojciechowski; and quilts by Theresa Charkiewicz, Susan M. Christian, Connie Haynes, Sandra Kinsley and Raymond Rouillard.

Craft competition entries are on display in the New England Building at the Eastern States Exposition, 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield. The building is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. until the fair closes on Oct. 2; for more information, visit thebige.com.



Cheryl Croteau crafted both these dolls, and won an award for the one on the right. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY



Lynne Kerber won an award for this quilt.



This basket by Susan Hayes won an award.



Mary-Ann Rouillard was awarded for this quilt.

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Opinion

OUR VIEW

Put a collar on cruel behavior

Pet ownership is a serious responsibility and the care we give to our pets reflects on our values as a society. The state Legislature and Gov. Charles Baker clearly recognized this when the former passed and the latter signed "An Act to prevent animal suffering and death," that attempts to bring the weight of the law down on those who neglect their canine family members.

There is no doubt that the vast majority of pet owners are loving, caring individuals who provide for the needs of animals as quickly as they do for their children. It is also true that many residents of our area have seen — or heard — animals gasping in over-heated cars or chained up outside in the middle of the night.

So while the dynamics of how the new law will be enforced across the state remain to be seen, in general, it serves strong notice that cruel behavior will not be tolerated.

The bill requires that no animal be tethered outside for more than five hours during any 24-hour period, or not at all during the hours of 10 p.m. to 6 a.m., unless it is for 15 minutes or less with the owner or handler present; and not when a weather advisory warning of extreme conditions has been issued. Exceptions are granted for campgrounds and when the animal is helping to herd livestock.

Also, when an animal is trapped within a vehicle "in a manner that could reasonably be expected to threaten the health of the animal due to exposure to extreme heat or cold," a law enforcement officer, animal control officer or firefighter may enter the vehicle to free it, provided an effort has been made to reach the owner. An important safeguard is provided, wherein the vehicle cannot be legally searched for any other reason than to remove the animal to safety.

Citizens not affiliated with public safety agencies are also empowered to enter vehicles to protect animals, provided they have attempted to contact the owner, have contacted the police or 911 before entering and wait with the animal in a safe place until public safety personnel arrive. This allowance will likely raise eyebrows, although given that damage to property is still a crime, it will presumably not lead to a rash of vehicle break-ins under false pretense.

Violations are subject to fines of up to \$150 for the first offense, \$300 for the second and \$500 for subsequent offenses. A hit to the pocketbook will not in and of itself produce responsible pet ownership. It is an important tool to getting people to pay attention to the law, however.

It is vital that communities work together to better the quality of life of all residents, whether they can speak for themselves or not.

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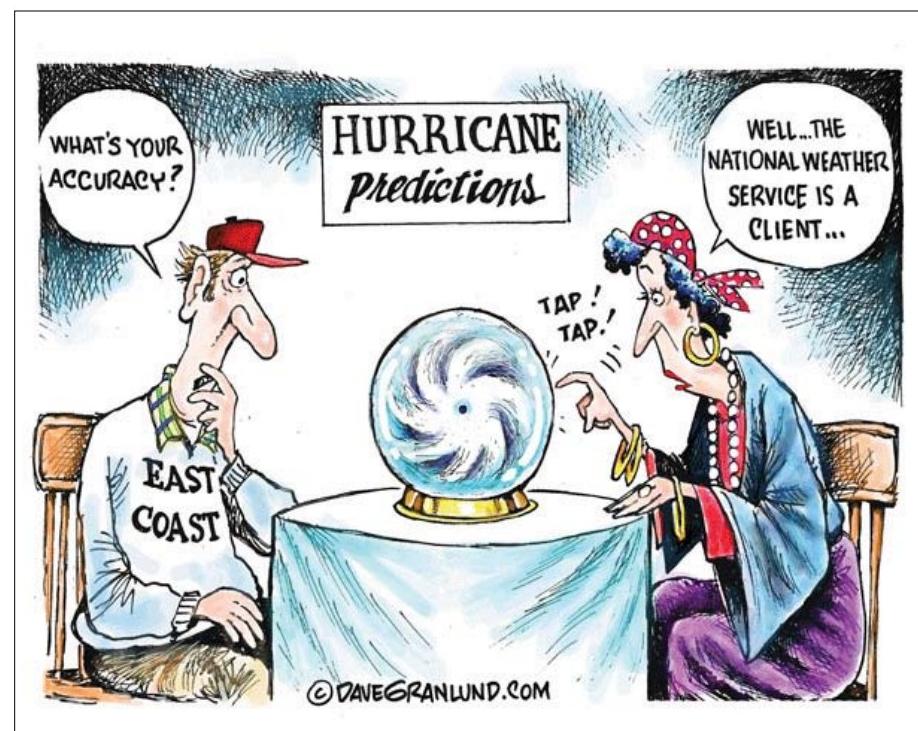
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Letters to the Editor

Cut in band time a loss to Agawam kids

It is important to bring to the attention of our community the cut to our award-winning music program in Agawam. Our music program received recognition from the NAMM Foundation as a "Best Community for Music Education" in 2016, as well as gold medals from the MICCA festivals and sending students annually to MMEA all-state and western district festivals. The program is a source of pride in our community. Instead of supporting the program, the rehearsal time at the junior high school has been cut in half.

The band program in Agawam has approved curriculum that follows state frameworks. Band rehearsal time is being replaced by "Academic Support and Enrichment" time. There are no state frameworks for Academic Support and Enrichment time. My child as well as his peers reported using this time to complete

homework and read silently. Receiving direct instruction in band from a highly qualified teacher during school hours is a better use of time and resources for our children than Academic Support and Enrichment. My son says it simply, "I've gotten more out of band than I will ever get out of ASE."

I encourage more parents to speak out in support of the band program and the importance of rehearsal time. Quality instruction and quality programs are what most impact our children in their education. I'd like to thank the music educators in Agawam for the profound impact they have had on my children, and thank you for taking the time to read this.

William J. LeBlanc Jr.
Feeding Hills

Band student upset about change in rehearsal time

As a band student of AJHS I am quite upset about the recent change in rehearsal schedules for full-band rehearsal. Once every two weeks for 30 minutes is not enough practice for anybody wishing to do well in a performance. We can't leave the chairs there because the chorus (another graded class) takes over B-G periods, so the seventh- and eighth-grade bands each only get 30 minutes of practice time in a rehearsal due to set-up and take-down. That is simply not enough time to prepare for a winter concert or competitions and expect to perform well.

Agawam just won an award for its band program. We are among the top 400 com-

munities in the country for excellence in band. That's amazing! However, if practice time is cut, we will get farther and farther away from that award being accessible in the future.

We want to keep Agawam in the top 400 schools for band, and we want to not stink at concerts and competitions. Did you know that some schools have a rehearsal every day? Well, we are far behind that becoming true for us. Let's join together, and support Agawam's band program. So, you with me?

Christian M. Rua
Agawam Junior High School student

Election letters to the editor welcome

The Agawam Advertiser News welcomes readers to participate in this year's election campaigns by writing letters to the editor for publication on these pages. Letters of up to 250 words from local residents endorsing candidates on the November ballot or discussing campaign issues should be sent to Agawam Advertiser News, care of Turley Publications, 380 Union St., W. Springfield, MA 01089, faxed to 413-786-8457 or emailed to aan@turley.com. Please include a daytime telephone number for verification purposes (it will not be printed). Letters must be received by noon Monday to be considered for that Thursday's newspaper. No attack letters will be printed. No letters written by candidates supporting their own candidacy will be printed. If the volume of letters received is larger than the space available in the newspaper, or if the letters become repetitive, the newspaper reserves the right to print a representa-

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Candidate profiles

As part of its election coverage, the newspaper plans to print stories about the local sheriff, state senate and state representative races, and questionnaire responses from the candidates, during the months of September and October. In order to ensure fairness to all candidates, no political press releases will be printed.

Candidates who wish to further publicize their candidacy, beliefs and events may contact John Baskin, 413-786-7747 or jbaskin@turley.com, about paid advertising in the Agawam Advertiser News.



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YESTERDAY'S HOMETOWN NEWS

Shaer's New England Market

In the late '40s, Domit Shaer had a produce delivery service. In 1948 he opened a store at 1358 Springfield St. in Feeding Hills, calling it Shaer's New England Market. He sold burlap bags of potatoes, milk, bread, canned goods and even clothing. Many of his customers were the local farmers who would buy on credit during the growing season and pay their bill when their crops came in.

Domit married his wife Eva about that time and his first child Annmarie was born about 1950. By the mid '60s, Annmarie was the first Shaer child to help out at the market. She graduated from AHS in 1968 and became an registered nurse after studying at the Holyoke Hospital School of Nursing. She is still an RN and has a daughter, Christine.

Catherine was the second Shaer child. She graduated from AHS in 1970, became an MD and worked for many years at Children's Hospital in D.C. Now semi-retired, she has a son, Daniel.

Many of us in town know the third Shaer child, retired fireman Joe '72. He met with me this week and really helped me with this column. Joe keeps busy as a handyman and remodeler, living in Feeding Hills with his wife Rainbow. They have two boys, Chris and Todd.

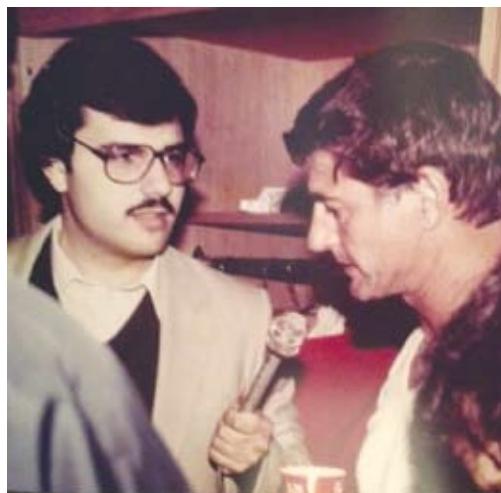
The fifth Shaer child is Jim '77, who got his degree in political science from WNEC. He worked for many years as an aide to John Kerry. Now retired, he lives in Melrose with his wife Nancy.

The youngest Shaer child is John '79. He graduated from George Washington and worked at the Smithsonian Institute for many years before entering the insurance industry. He and his wife Lynn raised their two boys Ian and Griffin in Maryland.

Last night I talked on the phone to Tom Shaer '76, the fourth Shaer child, Jim's twin. Actually, I'm not sure who was fourth and who



Walt Willard



Tom Shaer interviewing Carl Yastrzemski in 1990.

was fifth. I forgot to ask. Anyway, Tom has had quite a career. If you remember him from AHS, you know that he was involved in reporting and broadcasting while at AHS. His brother Joe remembers a '70s plane crash at Bowles Airport which took the lives of Ed Cook and his son. Joe gave Tom a ride to the airport and Tom covered the story and passed it on to the area media.

Tom went to Emerson College down near Boston after high school. He soon began working in radio as he pursued his degree and learned TV from John Dennis,

whose name many of you WEEI listeners have surely heard. Tom was hired by Glenn Ordway, another name you may recognize. He worked in Boston from 1977 to 1983. When the Boston station got away from sports, Tom found a job in Chicago. Out there, Ken (the Hawk) Harrelson, former Red Sox player whom he knew from Boston, helped

him meet many people and get a few good stories.

Tom worked in Chicago from 1983 to 2011 as a radio talk show host and a TV sports anchor. He now is a media consultant. When asked if he thought the Cubs could do what the Red Sox did in 2004, he said there is no doubt in his mind that they can. He was very complimentary of the great progress Theo Epstein, former Red Sox GM, has made with the Cubs. Tom said he knew Carl Beane and spoke to him the night before he passed away. Tom went to his own 40th class reunion this year and keeps in contact with classmates Dennis Conway, David Losito and Tom Cirillo, all of Southern California.

We talked about the Chicago Bears, their owner George Halas and how Roger Leclerc ended up a Chicago Bear and not a Denver Bronco. Tom didn't know that Roger is married to my sister Fran.

Tom lives outside of Chicago and has two children, Nicole and Paul. He certainly has gone a long way from the market in Feeding Hills.

Walt Willard went to AHS and taught math there for 16 years. He can be reached at 413-786-7924. Call him. Walt loves your feedback and any and all information or tidbits you can offer.



The Shaer family, from left, Tom, Jim, Annmarie, Eva, Domit, Catherine, Joe and John.

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A swearing-in for Special Police Officer Glen Clark was held at Agawam Town Hall Thursday, Sept. 15. Pictured, from left, are Mayor Richard Cohen, Clark and Vincent Gioscia, town clerk. SUBMITTED PHOTO

PETITION ■ from page 1

While he criticized the petition's validity, he supported having residents' voices heard, and offered his assistance to the petition group.

Theroux, the retired town clerk, also offered his services. He said at the meeting that a petition would need 50 written signatures with home addresses that can be verified by the town clerk.

Town Clerk Vincent Gioscia said he declared the online petition valid and had verified enough people by typing their name and hometown in. There were more than 500 people who "signed" the petition, though many were from out of town. The petition was presented the council in early August.

The public hearing was originally going to take place on Oct. 3, but it was suggested at the Sept. 6 meeting that it be delayed to give the town more time to evaluate its options.

Cichetti said he was very open to having the public hearing despite the questions over the validity of the petition. He told the council that Mayor Richard Cohen said the legislative body had the ability to choose whether or not to declare a petition valid. Johnson argued the usual practice is to get a legal opinion from the solicitor.

Johnson sought an opinion from the solicitor's office, which did not offer one.

Johnson and other councilors said that the town may consider whether or not to allow online petitions in the future, but for now, the petition should be voided.

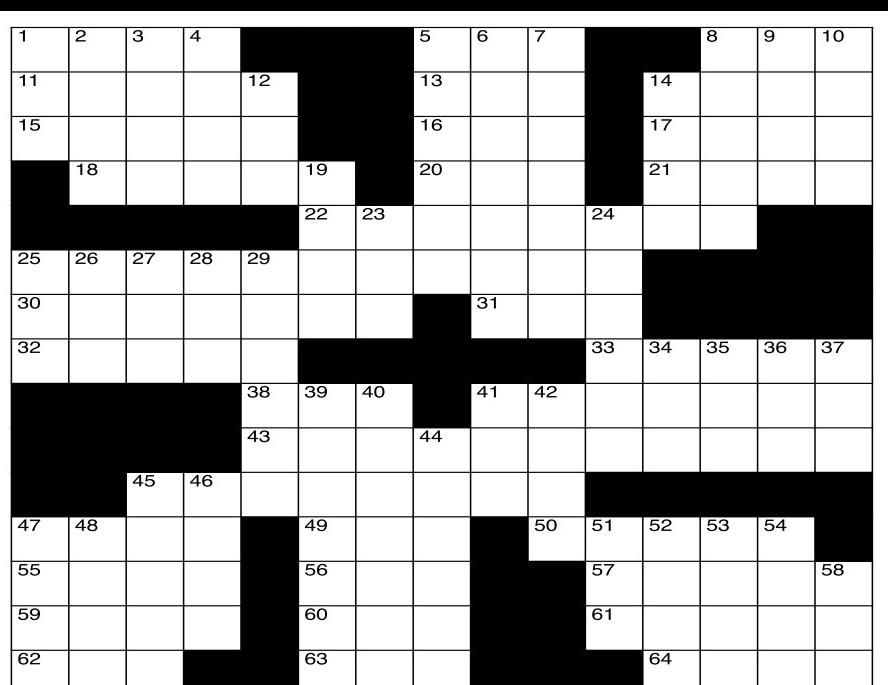
Johnson's argument gained momentum as the discussion continued, though councilors agreed they do want to have a public forum to hear from residents about their concerns with the HAP project. Cichetti said when and if a public hearing takes place, he would like to bring in state officials to speak about HAP and affordable housing.

With the voiding of the petition, the residents seeking a public hearing must resubmit a petition to the council, and it will be placed on the agenda again for consideration of a public hearing date.

Councilor Cecilia Calabrese told residents not to be discouraged and to bring back a valid petition quickly.

"This is not going to happen overnight," said Calabrese. "This is going to be a marathon, not a sprint."

Councilor Paul Cavallo said he feels a proper petition will help protect the residents from having their proposal invalidated if it were to gain momentum.



CLUES ACROSS

- Employee stock ownership plan
- Teaspoon
- Type of IRA
- Restore courage
- Pet Detective Ventura
- Discount
- Where rockers play
- Light Armored Reconnaissance (abbr.)
- Computer manufacturer
- Nomadic people
- Liquefied natural gas
- Steps leading to a river
- Benign tumors
- In an early way
- Type of wall
- Pop folk singer Williams

CLUES DOWN

- Expresses purpose
- Type of school
- Least true
- Delighted
- Church building
- Replacement worker
- A sign of assent
- Semitic gods
- Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
- Partly digested food
- Fever
- Genus of trees
- Midway between east and southeast
- Jewish spiritual leader
- Gallivant
- Hideaway
- Source
- Major division of (Spanish)

time

- Withered
- Portends good or evil
- Single sheet of glass
- More long-legged
- Scrutinized
- Archway in a park
- Oliver __, author
- Ancient Greek City
- Type of shampoo
- King Cole
- Adventure story
- Satisfy
- Disappointment
- Evergreen shrub
- Parts per thousand (abbr.)
- Young snob (Brit.)
- Midway between northeast and east
- Chinese surname
- Poplar trees
- Major division of (Spanish)

34. Electron scanning microscope

- Actor DiCaprio
- Equal (prefix)
- Cartoon Network
- Revealed
- Remove lice
- Supervises interstate commerce
- Whale ship captain
- Baited
- Bleated
- Swedish rock group
- Air pollution
- Carbonated drink
- Swiss river
- Ottoman military commanders
- Type of job
- One point east of southeast
- Sex Pistols bassist Vicious

Legals

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF AGAWAM PLANNING BOARD

The Agawam Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **Thursday, October 6, 2016 at 6:30 PM** at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Murphy's Pub c/o Thomas Murphy for a zone change request on a parcel of land on Suffield Street between Parcel 19-2-27 & 19-2-28 from Agricultural to Business A. Copies of the proposed zone change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office between the hours of 8:30 AM and 4:30 PM in the Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:

James P. Cichetti
City Council President
9/22,9/29/16

Street, Agawam, MA. (Parcel between ID# 19-2-27 and 19-2-28) The Zone Change request is to allow the parcel to be rezoned to Business A. A copy of the proposed Zone Change can be obtained from the Agawam Planning Office or the Agawam City Clerk's Office between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. in the Agawam City Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam, MA.

BY ORDER OF:

Mark R. Paleologopoulos,
Chairman
Agawam Planning Board
9/22,9/29/16

LEGAL NOTICE

PUBLIC HEARING

AGAWAM CITY COUNCIL

The Agawam City Council will hold a public hearing on **Monday, October 17, 2016 at 7:00 P.M.** at the Roberta G. Doering School, 68 Main Street, Agawam, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the Petition of Murphy's Pub c/o Thomas Murphy for a proposed Zone Change Plan for parcel on Suffield

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

The Trial Court

Probate and Family Court
50 State Street
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(413)748-7758

Docket No. HD16C0175CA

In the matter of:

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Of: Agawam, MA

NOTICE OF PETITION

FOR CHANGE OF NAME

To all persons interested in petition described:

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presented by **Darlene A Gadreault** requesting that: **Darlene Ann Gadreault** be allowed to change his/her/ their name as follows:

Darlene Ann Albano

If you desire to object thereto, you or your attorney must file a written appearance in said Court at: Springfield on or before ten o'clock in the morning (10:00 a.m.)

on: 10/14/2016.

WITNESS, Hon. **Anne M Geoffrion**, First Justice of this Court.

Date: September 16, 2016

Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate

9/22/16

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failed to meet a membership target of 600 households, and was not raising enough money in donations to offset its expenses. The Agawam Y had about 450 household memberships when it closed at the end of May; as of last week, according to Executive Director Andrew Melendez, the Family Center is down to about 250.

Mineo said he hoped the coming fall and winter seasons will see an increase in membership levels at the Family Center.

"Summer's a tough time," said Mineo. "Taking over in the summer, most people are doing outdoor activities. We need to get our name out."

Lori Stickles, the nonprofit's treasurer, said with students back in school, the Family Center is planning to reach out to local youth.

"We're trying to develop new programs geared toward the teen population, which is underserved in Agawam," she said.

Melendez said more than 50 teenagers took advantage of a promotion that offered free access to the Family Center over the summer. Part of the Family Center's fund-raising goal is to provide financial assistance to families that wouldn't otherwise be able to afford a gym membership.

"You don't have to pay \$91 a month to be healthy," he said. "We want to give scholarships to everybody who needs it."

Two members of the Family Center said at a fundraiser meeting Sept. 13 that keeping the doors open is important to Agawam.

Erika Brothers of Feeding Hills said she was overweight and wary of joining a gym when her daughter convinced her to give the Agawam YMCA a chance. It turned her life around, she said.

"I was a little shy and intimidated about doing new things. It was not me," Brothers said. "After a week of being in the new place, I felt completely welcomed. You call it a family center, and it really is."

She said the supportive and non-judgmental atmosphere at the Family Center motivated her to lose 125 pounds.

Frank Bond, another Feeding Hills resident, also spoke about the impact of the



The leadership team at the West of the River Family Center stands in front of the new logo. From left are Executive Director Andrew Melendez, Operations Director Ryan Rackliffe and Board Chairman Joseph Mineo. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTO BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Family Center on his weight — he dropped from 300 to 209 — and his life.

"When you don't show up here, people are looking for you," he said. "It keeps you motivated. This is not a gym; it's never been a gym. It's a family center. It's a second home."

To put the Family Center on sound financial footing, Melendez said, would require doubling the current membership totals. The membership rates remain what they were for the Agawam YMCA: family memberships at \$50 per month; one-adult, one-child memberships at \$40 a month; single adult memberships at \$30 a month.

For more information on the Family Center, visit www.westoftheriver.org or call 413-366-5050.

POLICE LOG

The Agawam Police Department responded to 303 calls for service from Sept. 12 to Sept. 18. The department recorded no arrests in its public log.

FIRE LOG

Fire logs were not received from the Agawam Fire Department this week. Last week's entries will be printed in a future edition of the Agawam Advertiser News.

School Committee meeting

**Roberta G. Doering School
68 Main St.
Tuesday, Sept. 27 — 7 p.m.**

1. Call to order
2. Moment of silence
3. Roll call of attendance
4. Regular meeting — 7 p.m.
5. Citizen's Speak Time
6. Highlights on Education:
 - a. Presentation of new staff
 - b. Superintendent's Notes
 - c. Student Advisory Committee representative update
7. Unfinished business:
 - a. SCR-6-24, Approval of use of Granger School for "Let's Gogh Art" after school enrichment program.
 - b. SCR-16-25, MASC voting/alternate delegates
 - c. SCR-16-26, MASC Resolutions
8. Any other items that may legally come before the committee
9. Adjournment

Kanetoberfest next month to aid dogs in need

Kane's Krusade, a nonprofit organization that helps dogs in need in the Springfield area, will hold its second annual Kanetoberfest on Saturday, Oct. 8, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Polish American Club, 139 Southwick St., Feeding Hills.

The event will feature over 50 vendors, raffles including autographed items from the Patriots and Red Sox, gourmet dog ice cream from Jameson's Journey, kids' activities and more. East Longmeadow Dog Obedience Training Club will be sponsoring a dog show featuring categories such as "Owner and Dog Costume Contest," "Fastest Tail Wagger" and "Best Trick" that the public is encouraged to enter. DJ Big Sid will be in attendance as well as "celebrity dogs" Juno from Juno's Place, Jameson of Jameson's Journey, and Hudson the Railroad Puppy.

This is a dog-friendly event. Friendly, leashed and vaccinated dogs are welcome. Leashes must be non-retractable.

The mission of Kane's Krusade is to improve the quality of life for dogs in the most underserved neighborhoods in Western Massachusetts. Kane's Krusade keeps dogs with their families by directly addressing the root causes of surrender — economic, behavioral and tenant or insurance issues. The organization distributes CARE Kits (Canine Assistance, Resources and Empowerment) to families in need to help them care for their dogs in difficult times and prevent surrender to shelters.

Admission is \$5, or free for those who bring a box of dog treats made in the USA. Children under 12 are free with adult admission. The first 250 attendees will receive a goodie bag. All funds raised will go towards serving the families and dogs that Kane's Krusade works with.

For more information, visit www.kanetoberfest.com or contact George at 413-364-4381 or kaneskrusade@gmail.com.

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Youth Junior Women's Club helped kindergartners on 1st bus ride

The GFWC Agawam Junior Women's Club recently held its 43rd First Time Bus Riders Program featuring the Safety Bug. Incoming kindergarten students were shown proper and safe bus riding techniques and parents were given helpful tips about the first days of school.

The event was held at the Agawam Public Library on Aug. 31 with more than 90 children and their caregivers in attendance. There have been countless children over the years that have been able to attend this program.

The organizers said they would like to thank the Agawam Public Library for its continued support, the Pioneer Valley AAA that assisted with handouts for parents, the Agawam Police Department, and Michelle Connery, outreach coordinator from the Agawam Family and Community Program, who provided information to parents and passed out free children's books to all in attendance.

The Lower Pioneer Valley Educational Collaborative graciously donated a bus, and Jimmy, the driver, made this first-time bus ride a comfortable, less threatening one for the school children.

The Agawam Juniors are always looking for new members. For more information, contact Sarah at 719-651-3679. The club's next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 18, at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. A social with refreshments will begin at 6:30



Preston Rudd enjoyed his first bus ride thanks to the help of the Safety Bug and a friend. SUBMITTED PHOTO

p.m., followed by the business meeting at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Please use the back entrance.

The AJWC is a member of the General Federation of Women's Clubs of Massachusetts, Junior Membership.

School Lunch

AGAWAM HIGH SCHOOL

Monday, Sept. 26: Chicken nuggets with dipping sauce, mashed potatoes, seasoned broccoli, fresh and chilled fruit.
Tuesday, Sept. 27: Cream of broccoli soup served in a bread bowl, oyster crackers, seasoned carrots, chilled and fresh fruit.
Wednesday, Sept. 28: Chicken filet wrap with assorted sauce served with lettuce, tomato and cheese, side of pasta salad, fresh and chilled fruit.
Thursday, Sept. 29: Fresh assorted calzones, garden salad with light dressing, fresh and chilled fruit.
Friday, Sept. 30: Southwest burger, barbecue sauce, fried onions, baked French fries, fresh and chilled fruit.

AGAWAM JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

ROBERTA G. DOERING SCHOOL
AGAWAM ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS
Monday, Sept. 26: Chicken patty on a roll, lettuce and tomato, oven baked fries, seasoned carrot, assorted fresh fruit.
Tuesday, Sept. 27: Mini corn dogs, Boston baked beans, cheesy breadstick, assorted fruit.
Wednesday, Sept. 28: Turkey and gravy over mashed potatoes, seasoned green beans, apple crisp with topping, assorted fresh fruit.
Thursday, Sept. 29: Chicken quesadilla with cheese, salsa, three-bean salad, low-fat Doritoes, assorted fresh fruit.
Friday, Sept. 30: Stuffed-crust pizza, garden tossed salad, cookie, locally sourced apples, assorted chilled fruit.

Playtime program for parents and kids

The Agawam Family and Community Program will host "Learn, Play & Grow" this month and next. These programs are designed for the parents and caregivers of children ages 2 to 5 to attend together. Registration is required and will be limited to 15 children for each event. To register, call 413-821-0597 or email mconnery@agawampublicschools.org.

Following the theme for September, "Apples and the Color Red," participants will enjoy apple tasting and searching for items that are red from 6 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 29, at Jump Start Preschool, 605 Springfield St., Feeding Hills, and 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Friday, Sept. 30, at West of the River Family Center, 63 Springfield St., Agawam.

The theme for October is "Pumpkins" and will include making prints with gourds and creating a pumpkin patch. The program will be offered 9:30-10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 4, at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St.; 6-7 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 6, at Jump Start Preschool; and 9:30-10:30 a.m. Friday, Oct. 7, at West of the River Family Center.

Siblings are welcome.

Fall festival, costume party

Cornerstone Kids Dentistry at 332 Suffield St., Agawam will host a Fall Fest from noon to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 29. In addition to face painting, balloons and a photo booth, there will be trick-or-treating and a costume party for kids. All are welcome.

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OMG to host open house with job fair, tag sale

OMG Inc., a manufacturer of specialty fasteners and roofing products, is having an open house at its Agawam headquarters on Saturday, Oct. 1, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is free and open to the public and will include a variety of family oriented activities as well as a job fair and tours of its state-of-the-art factory.

"OMG is a great business and an excellent employer," said Hubert McGovern, president. "We like to involve the community in our activities whenever possible. We get very positive feedback from our employees when we hold these types of events, and we thought it would be fun to show our

friends and neighbors what we do, how serious we are about safety, and the career opportunities that exist at OMG. We hope everyone will bring their kids, take a tour and enjoy some fun."

In addition to the job fair, on-site screening and factory tours, the open house will include a giant multi-employee tag sale, as well as children's activities including virtual reality pods, face painting and pumpkin decorating. There also will be a Red Cross blood and volunteer drive. For additional information and updates about the open house, visit www.SeeHowScrewsAreMade.com.

Boldyga touts perfect attendance record

State Rep. Nicholas Boldyga has achieved a 100 percent attendance record for the 2015 and 2016 legislative sessions, his office announced this month.

Boldyga, a Southwick Republican who also represents Agawam and Granville, attended every formal session of the state House of Representatives.

Boldyga said he worked with Agawam School Superintendent William Sapelli throughout the session, ultimately securing \$250,000 for Agawam schools to renovate the Agawam Junior High School auditorium and make other classroom upgrades.

"It's been an honor to work with our local officials, school superintendent and teachers over the last few years in securing much needed funds to improve Agawam's public schools," Boldyga said. "By putting

the hours in at the State House, I have been able to ensure that our district receives the resources we deserve. There is still work to do and I am eager to start sessions again."

Boldyga also noted the \$75,000 for school safety upgrades that he secured for Agawam schools in 2014 and \$450,000 for the construction of a new salt shed on the grounds of the Southwick DPW complex in 2015. The existing salt shed is over 30 years old and is currently having a negative impact on the surrounding environment, he said. The new salt shed, which will be completed next month, will better allow the town to respond to winter emergencies.

In addition, Boldyga also secured \$5,000 for both the Agawam and Southwick war memorial monuments.

Craft space available for church Fall Festival

The Agawam Congregational Church is hosting its eighth annual Fall Festival from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 15. The festival will be held at the church at 745 Main St., Agawam, on the same day as the Rotary Club Fall Festival just a couple doors down at Veterans Green.

Featured at the event will be Auntie Marian's Pie Bakery, a raffle table, bookstore and café.

Among the juried crafters will be Ryan Osborne from Hope Farms Candle Co. in Feeding Hills, Lois Franchino from Balalalu Pottery in Windsor, Conn., Steve's Hand-crafted Birdhouses from Springfield, stuffed animals for the children from Elizabeth and Jen of Agawam and 18-inch American Girl doll clothes handmade and designed by Pam Rovelli of Southwick.

Menu items will include chili made by the Men's Ministry, chili dogs, nachos, tossed salad, chicken and cran-raisin salad sandwiches, and hot dogs.

Rental space is still available for crafters. For information, call the church office at 413-786-7111 and leave a message.

Sign up by Sunday for golf to benefit robotics teams

The 15th annual Tournament of Rosie will take place Saturday, Oct. 1, at the Agawam Municipal Golf Course, 128 Southwick St., Feeding Hills. Proceeds from the event will benefit the FIRST Robotics programs of Agawam Robotics.

Entries are \$95 per player and include golf with cart, lunch and dinner. The registration deadline is Sept. 25 and entry is

based on first-paid teams.

All checks should be made payable to Agawam Robotics Education Association Inc. and sent to AREA Inc., 152 Franklin St., Feeding Hills, MA 01030.

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years, but had a hard time finding a good place for it. He said he asked Gerard Kiernan, the operations manager at the Eastern States Exposition, to help him brainstorm a location — but it was only when Kiernan made the suggestion that he thought of Storrorowton.

The historical village at the heart of the Big E fairground consists of authentic traditional New England buildings on a village green. Add a little fog, lighting and sound effects and it's the perfect place for a scare, Del Negro said.

Scare Fest will be open Thursday through Sunday evenings, 6-11 p.m., from Oct. 13 to 30; it will also be open on Halloween night, Monday, Oct. 31. Tickets are \$16 in advance, or \$20 at the door. Parking on the Eastern States Exposition grounds is an additional \$5 per car.

Del Negro encourages people to buy their tickets in advance, not only for the savings, but also to avoid lines at the box office. Tickets are available at his booth at the Big E, and online at newenglandscarefest.com.

Del Negro said he's telling customers that the attraction is appropriate for teenagers 16 and older, though "a mature 13-year-old" should be fine. He said parents should consider it the equivalent of an R-rated movie.

On Saturday and Sunday afternoons, noon to 5 p.m., Scare Fest will run a "G-rated" event for younger children and families, called Fall Fest. It will include some of the same attractions as Scare Fest, along with children's activities such as face painting and a bounce house.

Though his first two feature-length films were in the horror genre — "Blood Reservoir," 2014, and "Aleister," 2015 — Del Negro has always said he plans to branch out into other styles once he's made a name for himself as a director and can raise the necessary budget.

He said it's a familiar career path for new directors; Steven Spielberg, Francis Ford Coppola and James Cameron, among many others, started with slashers and suspense before they began turning out blockbusters.

As for the detour into running what is, essentially, a small theme park, Del Negro is quick to note that another cinema icon has already blazed that trail — Walt Disney. Like the famed animator, Del Negro said his own park will have a few characters from his movies.

In fact, many of the 40 performers and behind-the-scenes personnel in the haunted village are veterans of Del Negro's movies, he said. Some of his other volunteers and hires for Scare Fest are people he grew up with in Agawam.

"This is much easier than a movie," he said, noting that as a live-action performance, there's no need to sit in an editing room. "And it's a lot funner, because I'm doing it with my childhood friends."

He's been "eating, sleeping and drinking" Scare Fest for the past six months, ever since the exposition gave him official permission to run the event.

Over the past year, he's filmed additional scenes for his debut film, "Blood Reservoir," which will enable him to extend its running time and, through flashbacks, fill in some plot points that were omitted in original version. Del Negro said the extended cut will probably be ready later this year — though not in time for Halloween — and he will look to have a local red carpet premiere showing, as he did for "Aleister" last year.

He's also working on casting his next film, a "found footage" thriller about the Bermuda Triangle. That film should see the return of many of Del Negro's ensemble cast from "Aleister," but he's also angling for a familiar name — he has a short list — in the lead role.



Above: Agawam's Mark Del Negro, left, stands with film producer Phuc Pho outside the Big E information booth for their latest venture, Scare Fest at Storrorowton Village. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MICHAEL J. BALLWAY

Right: Mark Del Negro points out on a map some of the Storrorowton Village buildings that will be turned into Halloween-themed abandoned homes and haunted barns.



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off," said Duclos.

Since then, the auxiliary police — who assist the department's full-time police on traffic details and other duties — have used the two lots for their fundraiser.

"We've raised several thousand dollars each year," said Duclos. "Kids who volunteer help their group and learn the value of making a commitment, taking responsibility, and following through on their promise."

Katerina Feeney, a girls cross country team member, said she enjoyed her flagger duties.

"It feels good to be doing something fun and adult-like. Plus, it's a good way to raise money for my team. It's easier than doing a car wash — all I had to do was sign the form, show up, and wave a flag for a couple of hours. It couldn't be easier."

Marching band member Emily Greeson jumped at the opportunity to volunteer: "It's a good experience and I like helping out," she said. "The officers are very helpful and respectful — they also keep checking on us to make sure we're okay."

Lost business

Other paid parking lots on the Agawam side of the bridge have a less charitable purpose, though they may not represent a windfall profit for their owners.

Rocky's Ace Hardware, for instance, says it needs its parking lot revenue to make up for the business it loses when customers choose to avoid Springfield and Suffield streets — and the merchants on them — during the 17-day Big E. Rocky's loses about 30 percent of its business during the Big E, said Geoffrey Webb, the company's marketing and advertising director. He said the store has offered Big E parking for more than 20 years. The current rate for its 120 spaces is \$5 weekdays and \$10 Friday afternoon through Sunday.

"We're usually full by mid-afternoon, sometimes earlier," he added. As an incentive, parkers get a \$5 store coupon toward the purchase of regular-priced merchandise costing \$20 or more.

No permits are required to park cars during the fair — but that wasn't the case in 2007. That year, the City Council passed an ordinance requiring businesses and residents to obtain a two-year, \$250 temporary parking permit. The controversial ordinance was an attempt to regulate parking during events such as the Big E.

The ordinance also required property owners to provide proper lighting, restroom facilities and trash receptacles before receiving a permit. Because many owners didn't get permits, there were congested streets, snarled traffic, and delays of up to two hours to get into the fairgrounds one weekend. Shortly after that year's fair ended, councilors repealed the ordinance.

Today, all-day parking rates range from \$3 to \$5 on weekdays and \$5 to \$10 on weekends, and individual family yards remain a popular option.

None of the front-yard parking owners interviewed by the Agawam Advertiser News last weekend agreed to share their last names, because of concerns over privacy.

The first two days of the 2016 Big E shattered attendance records — good news for Wendy, who's been parking cars at her Suffield Street home for three years. She said the first day was "insane": "It was crazy and nonstop all day — I didn't expect to be so busy."

For some property owners on Suffield Street, parking cars is a family tradition. One woman who identified herself as Jo said she's been parking cars at her house for nearly 70 years.

"I began helping my father park cars when was just a little girl and the fair started up again after World War II," she recalled.



A Suffield Street resident guides a car into a parking space in his front yard on Saturday. The Big E means big business for residents who park cars on their property during the 17-day fair.

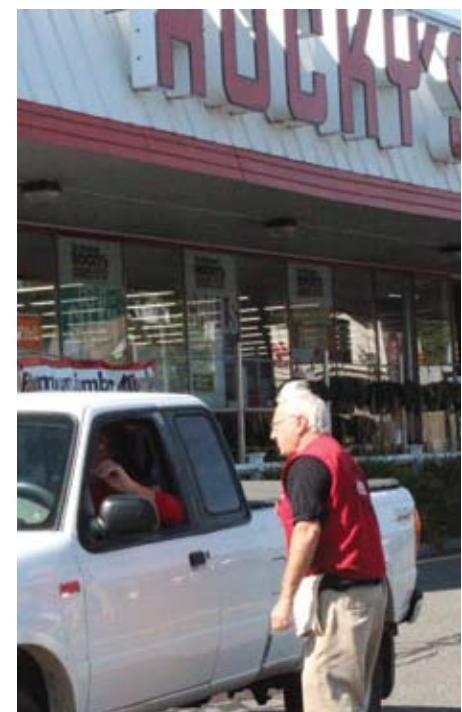
Know to go

The Big E is open daily through to Sunday, Oct. 2, on the grounds of the Eastern States Exposition at 1305 Memorial Ave., West Springfield.

Tickets are \$16 for adults, \$10 for children. Discounts are available for military members, seniors, and visitors arriving after 6 p.m. See thebige.com for more information. Parking is \$10 per vehicle on the exposition grounds; several private lots within walking distance, including some in Agawam, charge similar or lower rates. Tickets to midway rides and certain music concerts are extra.

Salute to Agawam Day is Wednesday, Sept. 28. The Agawam Parade on the exposition grounds will be at 5 p.m. that day.

Gates open daily at 8 a.m.; most exhibits and events begin at 10 a.m.



Joe Bucalo, who works for Rocky's Hardware, collects a parking fee last weekend. The store offers Big E parking to offset business lost during the fair. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY MIKE LYDICK

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SPORTS

SOCCER

Nieves goal helps Brownies shut out Colts

By Nate Rosenthal
Turley Publications Sports Correspondent

CHICOPEE – In a non-league encounter, the Agawam boys soccer team scored twice in the first half and then held on for a 2-0 win over their counterparts from Chicopee Comprehensive. The Brownies evened their record to 2-2 with their second straight shutout, after beginning the season with a pair of losses. Comp opened its season with a win, but have themselves been shut out in their last three games and have a 1-3 record.

In the seventh minute Nick Malerba gave the Brownies a 1-0 lead on an unassisted goal. Midway through the half, they added another on a Gino Tedeschi to Jarred Drummond connection. Ben Mielnikowski along with great play from those in front of him paced the defense for the Brownies. He had eight saves on the day, while his defense kept the Colts at bay allowing just 13 shots at or on goal.

Luis Nieves got the game's first shot in the 2nd minute, that being a 15-yarder that went wide to the left of Nolan Kazalski and the

goal. In the fourth, Noah Hennessey got Comp's first shot from 25 yards. It was on goal and Mielnikowski made the stop. Two minutes later, Anthony Marafuga was wide right from 15 yards.

Agawam cleared and got a breakaway and while they did not get off a shot immediately, Malerba stole a pass and cut loose from the 15-yard line, sending the ball into the left corner past Kazalski. With 6:41 gone, the Brownies had a 1-0 lead.

Comp had a corner kick in the 11th minute and in the 15th, Kazalski had a stop on Evan Corridan from 15 yards. A minute after that, it was Gino Tedeschi with a 30-yard blast that went over the goal. Still in the 16th minute, Jacob Tompkins was on goal from 15 yards and Mielnikowski made the save.

That led to another breakout for Agawam and they would make good. Tedeschi broke down the right side and sent a cross to Drummond who shot it past Kazalski, to his right just inside the post. There was 18:66 to go in the half and Agawam had a 2-0 lead.

Zach Rivers breaks into a sprint for a loose ball.

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Zach Rivers breaks into a sprint for a loose ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHTOS.COM

FIELD HOCKEY

Brownies, Falcons battle to scoreless draw

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – Last Tuesday afternoon, Western Massachusetts field hockey was at its finest in a key South League matchup between Agawam and Minnechaug.

The two teams have been league rivals for many years, with games going back and forth. Minnechaug more recently has been on the better end of things with a couple of wins last year, including in the tournament.

But last week, the two teams would battle to a scoreless draw 0-0 as neither team was able to "strike first" in what will be another dog fight for first and second place in the league.

Both teams were scheduled to face their other major league rival, Longmeadow, a perennial powerhouse, earlier this week.

There were few different instances where both squads had some big scoring chances and some penalty corners also played a big role as the Falcons did have a few chances to get that deciding goal.

Two things played in Agawam's favor. First, their defense and goalie Andi Hunt did an excellent job staving off a few different scoring chances for Minnechaug. The second was a grass field at School Street Park, Agawam's temporary home until their new turf field is completed, that played very slow, giving the rest of Agawam's field an opportunity to get back into the circle and clear the ball.

Hunt made a number of good decisions late in the game, jumping into a couple of players and kicking the ball right out of the circle.

Agawam was not as fortunate with the scoring chances, getting the ball down the field a few times, but struggling to get close to the goal.

Minnechaug goalie Samantha Falcone also picked up a shutout in the net, and only needed to make two saves.

Minnechaug's defense did a good job of keeping the ball away from Falcone. In one situation in the second half, Agawam's Nina Bruno nearly had a full breakaway before the defense broke it up and prevented a shot from even opening.

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Taia Vivenzio sprints against Minnechaug's Patricia Murphy for a loose ball. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY PETER FIDALGO WWW.PETERFIDALGOPHOTOGRAPHY.COM



Olivia Naumec tries to defend against Minnechaug.

FOOTBALL

Football home opener set

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – With a time crunch to get the new track poured, Athletic Director David Stratton said he has been told the Sept. 30 home opener for the Agawam High School football team will be played as scheduled at the new Harmon A. Smith Field.

Last week, the new all-weather track was poured, leaving enough time for the surface to "cure" so it can be walked on without damaging it.

Jennifer Bonfiglio, the chief procurement officer for Agawam, and the person who has overseen the project on behalf of the town, said she informed the new track surface needs about 17 days to cure.

While some type of cover will be used for players to cross onto the field with their cleats, she said the surface cannot have any contact before it is fully cured or it will compromise the quality.

The delay in the track being poured, which was in part due to delays associated with weather and the pavement being poured, caused Stratton to have to move September's athletic contests off the high school campus. Those contests include soccer, field hockey, and volleyball. Golf and cross country are already played off-site and football's schedule was purposefully made so Sept. 30 would be the home opener.

Stratton said last Tuesday he had been informed that the field would be ready for the Sept. 30 game, which is currently the first scheduled game to be played on the new field, which the town bonded \$8 million to build along with improvements to the rest of the athletic facilities.

During the next week, the press box and stands were also set to be completed in time for the opening game. The concession stand and ticket booth along with an auxiliary supply and trainer facility are also completed.

Sports

FOOTBALL

Bombers take care of Brownies in Week 2

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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AGAWAM – After the Agawam High School football team opened up with a victory in Week 1, the Brownies suffered a tough setback as they were taken down by a resilient Westfield team in a 38-19 loss last Friday night at Bullens Field.

Westfield was in full control for most of the game, taking an early lead, then asserting themselves on defense in a decisive third quarter.

Agawam received the ball to start the third quarter and made some headway up the field before they lost the ball in a fumble.

Westfield recovered and went to work near midfield.

The Bombers used a combination of run and pass plays to slowly drive toward the end zone. It would end when Mark Blahut made a short push through the pile into the end zone for a touchdown that would give Westfield a bigger lead. Quarterback Austin St. Pierre then connected on a short pass for a two-point conversion, making it 24-6 Westfield.

Agawam was able to respond briefly. Quarterback Mike Basile completed a short drive about 2:30 later when he ran into the end zone for a touchdown to make it 24-12. A conversion attempt was no good.

Trailing into the fourth quarter, the Brownies were able to climb within one score as Basile ran in for a 10-yard touchdown rush at the 11:51 mark, giving the Brownies a lot of time to continue the comeback trail. Gabe Bodley's extra point made the score 24-19 Westfield.

But the Bombers were able to respond by scoring two touchdowns to end the game.

Wilton Royal had rushes for both scores, with runs of six and 15 yards, respectively. St. Pierre made a run himself for a conversion on the first touchdown.

Agawam's first half touchdown came from running back Anthony Adams, who made a two-yard run with 6:11 in the second quarter.

Basile had a tough time passing against Westfield. He went just 3-for-13 for 43 yards and threw one pick.

On the ground, Adams led the team with 16 carries for 58 yards. Chris Morassi, who had a huge performance in Week 1, was held in check by the Bombers. He carried the ball nine times for just 54 yards. Jared Durocher had six carries for 33 yards.

The defeat drops Agawam to 1-1 for the regular season. The Brownies have one final independent game coming up on Sept. 22 against Putnam Vocational at Berte Field at 7 p.m. They will have their home opener and league opener against Holyoke on Sept. 30.

Unsung heroes

Agawam Field Hockey

Grace Rinaldi #9

With 22 minutes remaining in Agawam's game against Minnechaug, the Falcons were attacking on a penalty corner. With the goalie drawn out, Rinaldi made a goal-line hit to keep the ball from going in, preserving the shutout for the Brownies.

Dominique Counos #10

After an injury sidelined a teammate, Counos provided some quality minutes off the bench in the midfield.



Chris Morassi tries to break tackles and go for a long run. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY GREGORY A. SCIBELLI



Players combine to make a tackle on Agawam's Anthony Adams.



Zack Hodge tries to make blocks against two linemen.



Agawam's Matthew O'Keefe and Jack Pouliot try to make a tackle.



Mike Basile tries to make a tackle near the sideline.

Last week's scores

Tuesday, Sept. 13

Girls Soccer

Agawam 1, Westfield 1

Field Hockey

Agawam 0, Minnechaug 0

Golf

Agawam 158, South Hadley 165

Girls Volleyball

Agawam 3, Chicopee Comprehensive 0

Boys Cross Country

Holyoke 19, Agawam 42

Girls Cross Country

Agawam 15, Holyoke 48

Wednesday, Sept. 14

Boys Soccer

Agawam 3, Central 0

Golf

Agawam 160, Northampton 215

Thursday, Sept. 15

Boys Soccer

Agawam 2, Chicopee Comprehensive 0

Girls Soccer

Agawam 2, Central 0

Golf

Longmeadow 153, Agawam 170

Girls Volleyball

Agawam 3, East Longmeadow 0

Friday, Sept. 16

Football

Westfield 38, Agawam 19

Monday, Sept. 19

Boys Soccer

Minnechaug 1, Agawam 0

Field Hockey

Agawam at Longmeadow, PPD (rain)

Pasta supper to benefit youth field hockey

AGAWAM – The Agawam Youth Field Hockey Association is holding a buffet pasta dinner and magic show fundraiser at St. Anne's Country Club on Friday, Sept. 30. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. for a cash bar and silent auction. Buffet dinner will begin at 6 p.m., with the magic show at 7 p.m.

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Minnechaug would get two penalty corners in a row around the 15:00-mark in the second half, but Hunt's kick of the ball would finish off that threat.

The Brownies would call timeout with about 8:17 remaining, but it did not result in any more scoring opportunities.

There were a number of penalties handed out in the game, with referees giving cards to both teams for five-yard violations. The Falcons' Hannah Garvey was booted from the game in the final few minutes of the game being two close to an Agawam free hit. It was Chaug's third violation of that rule, resulting a 10-minute penalty.

The Falcons are now 3-0-1 with the draw. They are also defeated Tantasqua during the past week, winning 2-1 last Friday afternoon on the road.

Minnechaug is on the road this week at Shrewsbury.



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Camille Aloisi advances with the ball.



Eliza Timms attempts to air dribble the ball.



Bianca Toto possesses the ball under pressure.

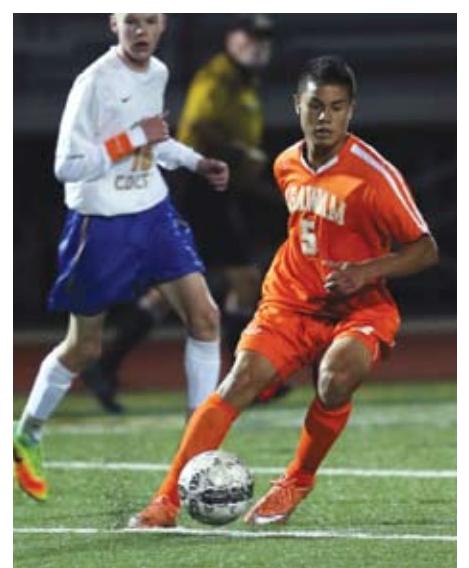


Jonny Kelley boots the ball away. TURLEY PUBLICATIONS PHOTOS BY DAVID HENRY WWW.SWEETDOGPHOTOS.COM

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Nieves was wide left from 20 in the 27th minute for the Brownies. Hennessey, in the 29th, was on goal for the second time in the half, stopped by Mielnikowski. In the 36th, it was Nieves again from 15, this time, Kazalski made the save. A minute later, he stopped another, an 18 yarder from Tedeschi.

Though there was no scoring in the second half, both sides had their respective shares of opportunity. Malerba was wide left from 12 in the second; Ross Alvaro at the 15, was stopped by Mielnikowski in the third. In the fifth, it was Nerves from 15, sending the ball over the goal and a minute later, Tompkins was wide left. Malerba was wide left from 18 in the eighth and Tedeschi was on goal from 15 in the ninth. Hennessey was wide left from 18 for Comp.



Luis Nieves tries to change directions.

Nieves got off a shot in the 12th from 12 yards out and Marafuga from the 15 was blocked by Mielnikowski in the 14th. Agawam got a corner kick in the 16th, the first of the game for either team. Marafuga had a free kick from the 20 and it traveled high over the goal. Agawam got another corner kick in the 20th minute and then in the 23rd, Malerba put one on goal from 15 yards. Kazalski made the save.

In the final 10 minutes each team had three shots. Nieves, in the 32nd was wide right from 25 yards. Moments later, Agawam had a corner kick. Alvaro was wide left from 15 in the 35th minute. A minute after that Tedeschi shot from the 15 and the ball drifted to the right. Mielnikowski faced two shots in the 38th minute, stopping them both. It was Tompkins from 15 yards and Ayman Darwich in front on a scramble.



Eyan Corridan makes a pass to his right.



Tommaso Decaro fights to keep the ball from going out.

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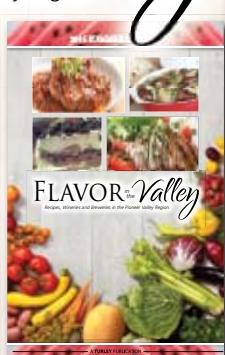
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The Week Ahead

Thursday, Sept. 22

Football

Agawam at Putnam 7 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Agawam at South Hadley 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 23

Girls Soccer

Northampton at Agawam 4 p.m.

Golf

Quad Meet at Agawam 3 p.m.

Field Hockey

Holyoke at Agawam 4:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 24

No Games Scheduled

Sunday, Sept. 25

No Games Scheduled

Monday, Sept. 26

Boys Soccer

Central at Agawam 4 p.m.

Field Hockey

Agawam at Frontier 3:30 p.m.

Golf

Belchertown at Agawam 3 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Agawam at South Hadley 5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 27

Girls Soccer

Agawam at Belchertown 4 p.m.

Golf

Minnechaug at Agawam 3 p.m.

Cross Country

Agawam at Belchertown 3:45 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 28

Golf

Agawam at West Springfield 3 p.m.

Girls Volleyball

Minnechaug at Agawam 6 p.m.

Gymnastics

Agawam and Hampshire at Minnechaug 6 p.m.

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Sunday, Sept. 25

RIVER CLEANUP along the Westfield River, starting at 9 a.m. Meet at Pynchon Point on River Road, Agawam, or at the end of Meadow Street near the green bridge, Westfield. For more information, contact Sheryl Becker (Agawam) at 413-374-1921, sher1earth69@gmail.com, or Mark Damon (Westfield) at 413-977-1577, markjdamon@gmail.com.

Sunday, Sept. 25

SACRED AMERICAN MUSIC, 1816-2016, community concert at 2 p.m. at Copper Hill United Methodist Church, 27 Copper Hill Road, E. Granby, Conn.

Thursday, Sept. 29

THE SPRINGFIELD MUSEUMS AT THE QUADRANGLE will present "When the Road Came Through: How the Construction of Interstate 91 Changed Western Mass." featuring Barry Dietz, local historian, at 12:15 in the Museum of Fine Arts at 21 Edwards St., Springfield. Admission is \$4 (\$2 for museum members). Parking is free. For information, call 413-263-6800, ext. 488.

Saturday, Oct. 1

THE TASTE OF ITALY FESTIVAL at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish from 4:30 to 8 p.m. at 36 Margaret St., Springfield. This celebration will begin with Mass in the church on William Street at 4 p.m. There is no entrance fee; parking is free. Food tickets will be sold.

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Sunday, Oct. 2

BARBARA CROUSE MEMORIAL CONCERT at First Congregational Church of Granby, 219 N. Granby Road, Granby, Conn. Free admission. Good will offering accepted at the door.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

THE DIVERSITY SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College begins with featured speaker Marilyn Alverio, founder and producer of the Latinas and Power Symposium, at 12:15 p.m. in Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

Friday, Oct. 7

THE AGAWAM CULTURAL COUNCIL'S Applause Series continues with "Think! Laugh! Gasp! The Comedy and Magic of Pj Pinsonnault" at 7 p.m. at the Agawam Public Library, 750 Cooper St. in Agawam. This and all Applause Series events are free and open to the public.

Sunday, Oct. 9

THE WEST SPRINGFIELD COIN CLUB will meet at 7 p.m. in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 214 Elm St., West Springfield. A special coin topic will be presented and discussed. Refreshments available. Guests welcome. For more information, call Peter Setian at 413-789-2061.

Wednesday, Oct. 12

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Thursday, Oct. 13

THE OVATION SPEAKERS SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with "Get Out and

Vote" featuring Bill Scher and Holly Robichaud, at 11 a.m. in Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Oct. 15

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST GUILD VENDORS FAIR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the St. John the Evangelist Parish Center, 833 Main St., Agawam.

FRIENDS OF THE SOUTHWICK PUBLIC LIBRARY CRAFT FAIR from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at Southwick Town Hall, 454 College Highway.

FALL ROAST PORK DINNER at Copper Hill United Methodist Church at 5 p.m. Cost is \$12 for adults, \$6 for children under the age of 12, and free for preschoolers. For reservations, call Judy at 860-668-7953. The church is at 27 Copper Hill, E. Granby, Conn.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

THE AGAWAM JUNIOR WOMEN'S CLUB will meet at the Agawam Senior Center, 954 Main St. with a social and refreshments at 6:30 p.m. followed by a business meeting at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Please use the back entrance.

Wednesday, Oct. 26

WEST OF THE RIVER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will host Food Fest West from 5:30-8 p.m. at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam. Tickets are \$25 in advance at www.westoftheriverchamber.com, or \$35 at the door. For more information, contact the Chamber office at 413-426-3880 or info@westoftheriverchamber.com.

Tuesday, Nov. 1

THE DIVERSITY SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with featured speaker John B. Herrington, astronaut and retired U.S. Navy commander, at 10 a.m. in the Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

Wednesday, Nov. 9

THE OVATION SPEAKERS SERIES at Springfield Technical Community College continues with featured speaker MB Caschetta, renowned author of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender literature, at 10:10 a.m. and 11:15 a.m. in Scibelli Hall (Building 2). Free and open to the public.

Saturday, Nov. 19

OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH annual Christmas Craft Fair and Bake Sale today and tomorrow. The Knights of Columbus will be serving food on Saturday. Free parking is available behind the church for all. For more information, call 413-569-0162.

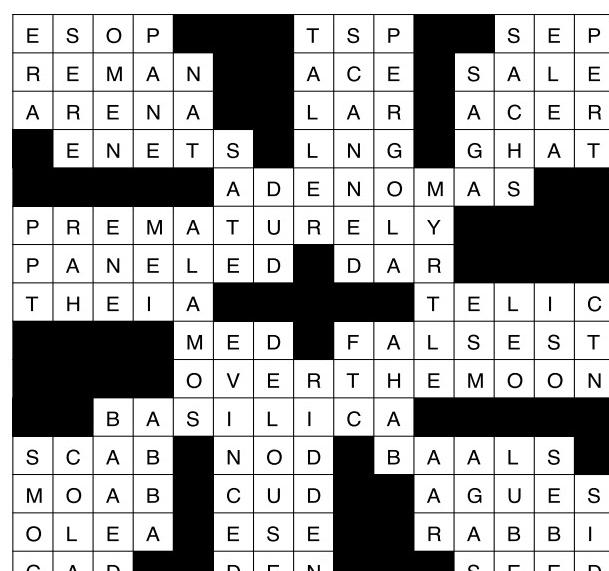
ONGOING

ADULT DROP-IN SIT & KNIT meets at the Agawam Public Library at 750 Cooper St. Tuesdays from 1-3 p.m. Bring your sticks and join other knitters for creative time. No registration is required.

THE WESTFIELD FARMERS MARKET is open every Thursday, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m. on the lawn of the Episcopal Church of the Atonement, 36 Court St., until Oct. 6. Free parking available. ADA accessible. Locally grown flowers, plants, vegetables, fruit, honey and bee products, goats' meat and milk products, baked goods, wine, wood crafts, dairy and more. SNAP customers receive up to \$10 match in purchasing benefit weekly.

GRANDPARENT'S PLAYGROUP Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m. to 11 a.m., at St. David's Church, 699 Springfield St., Feeding Hills. This free infant and toddler playgroup features music and movement, fostering children's interactions and sharing skills. Open to all grandparents and their grandchildren. Follows school schedule.

MOM 2 MOM takes place the second Tuesday of every month October through June, 9:30 to 11 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main St. A round-table discussion hosted by a local "veteran" mom, this is



From left, Eden Berry, Parks and Recreation Director Christopher Sparks, Library Director Judith Clini and Mayor Richard Cohen. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Town to unveil Girl Scout's 'Little Library' at park

Agawam Mayor Richard Cohen will officially open the Little Free Library at 10 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 1, at School Street Park.

Eden Berry, a local Girl Scout, had the initial idea to install the book exchange station at the School Street

Park pavilion off Corey Street, as a way to give park patrons access to books to read, borrow, keep and exchange.

There are nearly 40,000 Little Free Library book exchanges around the world. The event will take place at 418 Corey St. All are invited.

Blood drives slated this week, next

The American Red Cross urges eligible donors to give blood at events in Agawam and surrounding towns this month. Donors of all blood types are needed.

Upcoming blood drives include:

Friday, Sept. 23: noon to 5 p.m., Agawam Fire Department, 800 Main St., Agawam.

Saturday, Sept. 24: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Six Flags New England Human Resources Center, 1756 Main St., Agawam.

Tuesday, Sept. 27: 1-6 p.m., OMG, 153 Bowles Road, Agawam.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: Noon to 5:30 p.m., St. John's Lutheran Church, 60 Broad St., Westfield.

Friday, Sept. 30: Noon to 5 p.m., Mittineague Congregational Church, 1840 Westfield St., West Springfield.

To make an appointment to give blood, download the Red Cross Blood Donor App, visit redcrossblood.org or call 800-733-2767. Donors are encouraged to make appointments and complete the RapidPass online health history questionnaire at redcrossblood.org/rapidpass to help reduce wait times.

Those who come out to give blood or platelets Sept. 1-30 will receive a free haircut coupon from Sport Clips Haircuts.

Agawam Senior Center

Lunch Menu

Monday, Sept. 26: Chicken and broccoli alfredo with ziti, Caesar salad, bananas.

Tuesday, Sept. 27: Hamburger on a roll with onion and mushroom, baked beans, peaches.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: French onion soup, egg salad sandwich, lettuce and tomato, baked good.

Thursday, Sept. 29: Chicken parmesan with pasta, peas, pudding.

Friday, Sept. 30: Filet of fish with cheese, lettuce and tomato, Tater Tots, applesauce.

Calendar of Events

Monday, Sept. 26: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:30 a.m., line dancing; 11:30 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., car care workshop with Mark Whitney (coffee shop); 1 p.m., Bingo; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Tuesday, Sept. 27: 9 a.m., knitting class, sewing

class; 10 a.m., Computer Tech Club; noon, ladies only billiards; 12:30 p.m., mah jongg, movie ("Sister Act"); 1 p.m., Mexican Train Game; 2:30 p.m., chorus; 3 p.m., COA meeting; 4:30 p.m., yoga; 6 p.m., beginner line dance.

Wednesday, Sept. 28: 8 a.m., weight training; 8:15 a.m., yoga; 9:45 a.m., Gentle Yoga; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., ballroom lessons, scrabble; 1:30 p.m., Golden Agers Chapter 1 meeting; 5:30 p.m., Zumba Gold.

Thursday, Sept. 29: 9 a.m., exercise; 9:30 a.m., quilting; 10 a.m., line dancing; 12:30 p.m., bridge; 1 p.m., pitch, open art; 2 p.m., Melody Band practice (subject to change); 6:30 p.m., evening pitch, evening line dancing.

Friday, Sept. 30: 8 a.m., yoga; 9:15 a.m., Let's Paint; 10 a.m., tai chi; noon, canasta; 1 p.m., pitch, cribbage; 4 p.m., poker.

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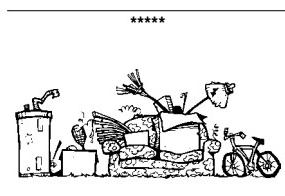
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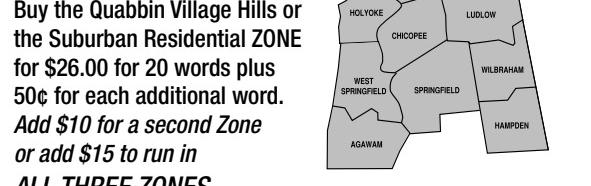
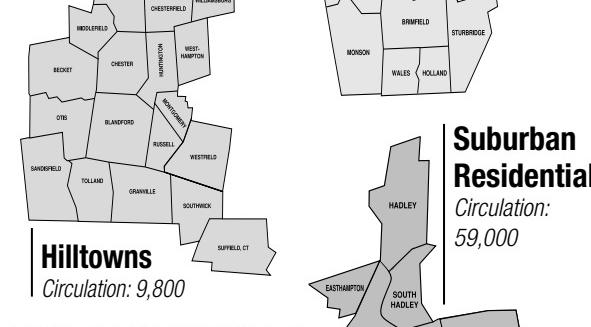
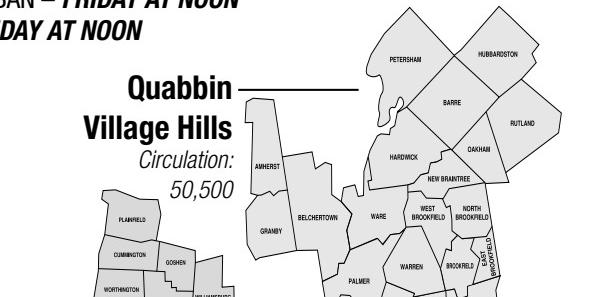
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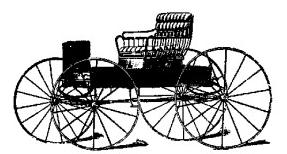
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Our Town

Agawam woman to lead GOP youth effort

Kassy Dillon of Agawam is one of two young voters recently named to the Western Massachusetts Republicans PAC Board of Directors.

"It is time for young Republicans to pay attention to the local elections and start getting involved with helping local candidates," Dillon said. "Working together we can ensure that Western Mass. has a strong coalition of Republicans to help elect candidates that represent our values."

Her appointment, along with that of William Nardi of Springfield, is part of a new effort by the local GOP to engage voters aged 18-35 years. Dillon and Nardi will also lead a new division of the PAC, the Western Massachusetts Young Republicans.

"I'm pleased that Kassy and William will be taking on the job of bringing younger people in to WMR in support of GOP candidates across the region," said Western Massachusetts Republicans Chairman Robert Grove. "Younger voters



Kassy Dillon, of Agawam, was one of two Young Republicans named to the Western Massachusetts Republicans Board of Directors. SUBMITTED PHOTO

tickets have been featured on national news outlets.

For more information, contact Robert Grove at 413-279-1301 or RobertAGrove@yahoo.com.

in Western Mass. are a key demographic for WMR and the GOP. Many have a passion for involvement, and WMR provides an organization to support them. We see a growing number of younger voters, especially millennials, concerned about the direction and policies of big government. They are moving away from progressive political philosophies and adopting a more measured and thoughtful political approach. We welcome their involvement."

Dillon is a junior at Mount Holyoke College double-majoring in Middle Eastern studies and international relations. She is a conservative activist and a political commentator for several websites, including Campus Reform, Breitbart, Heat Street, Red Alert Politics and Lone Conservative. Her articles have been featured on national news outlets.



Holyoke Credit Union will move its Agawam branch to Feeding Hills Center on Oct. 3. SUBMITTED PHOTO

Credit union moving to Feeding Hills

Holyoke Credit Union will open a new branch at 14 N. Westfield St. in Feeding Hills Center on Oct. 3, with a weeklong grand opening celebration beginning Monday, Oct. 17. The event will include giveaways, raffles and refreshments.

"We are excited about the new branch in Feeding Hills and the great banking experience it will offer our members, in a beautiful modern setting," said Holyoke Credit Union president and CEO Michael Murphy. "The credit union expects a seamless transition from our old branch in Agawam to

the new location."

HCU's current branch at 4 Washington Avenue Ext., Agawam, will close Sept. 30 to make way for the new Feeding Hills branch.

The new branch offers a multi-lane drive-through window; two modern, more secure ATMs with deposit capabilities in the vestibule and drive-through; a "tech bar" with iPads for members' convenience; and ample parking.

For more information, call 413-532-7007 or visit www.holyokecu.com.

Volunteer river cleanup is this weekend in town

On Saturday, Sept. 24, helpers of all ages will haul out piles of trash and large debris from various rivers and streams in the Westfield River watershed. Organizers will target sites in Agawam, West Springfield, Westfield, Russell and Huntington.

Volunteers should gather at one of two locations no later than 9 a.m., meeting in Agawam at the Pynchon Point parking lot near the South End

bridge circle on River Road, or in Westfield in the public parking lot at the end of Meadow Street near the new green bridge. The Westfield River Watershed Association will distribute gloves and trash bags and offer safety tips, then send out the site teams. Assignments are generally completed by 1 p.m. or earlier.

Everyone is welcome, but children must be supervised by an adult.

WRWA will arrange with local communities for pickup of trash and debris recovered at each site. For questions, contact Mark Damon regarding Westfield locations at 413-977-1577, markdamon@gmail.com, or Sheryl Becker for Agawam area sites at 413-374-1921, sherleearth69@gmail.com.

For more about the WRWA, visit www.westfieldriver.org.

Martin joins Ayre Real Estate

Sandy Martin has joined Ayre Real Estate Co. of Agawam as a real estate sales associate. She is a Southwick resident with 20 years experience in the financial industry. Martin and her husband, Mike, have a blended family of seven children between the ages of 18 and 30.

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Cignoli to discuss presidential election at Regional Chamber business breakfast at Crestview

Political consultant Anthony Cignoli will take a break from the campaign trail and provide his insights and analysis of the upcoming presidential election at the Springfield Regional Chamber's October Business@Breakfast at 7:15 a.m. Wednesday, Oct. 5, at Crestview Country Club, 281 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, sponsored by Break-

fast Series Sponsor United Personnel.

Cignoli is a veteran of more than 300 political campaigns, including presidential elections in Peru, prime minister and parliamentary campaigns in Italy and many referendums in Massachusetts and throughout New England. He has counseled governor's races in Massachusetts, Iowa, Maine, Con-

nnecticut and Maryland. He a frequent commentator and political analyst for local and national media outlets.

The breakfast will also recognize the new president of Springfield Technical Community College, Dr. John B. Cook, as well as the Center for EcoTechnology on its 40th year in operations.

Reservations are \$22.50 in advance for Springfield Regional Chamber members (\$25 for member walk-in registrations) and \$30 for general admission. Reservations are suggested and may be made at www.springfieldregionalchamber.com. Members can also purchase a season pass for all Business@Breakfasts, getting nine events for the price of eight.



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